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Facsimile: 703-305-3579

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PRODUCT

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Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 8, 2002

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Sir:

Please find transmitted herewith the following documents relating to the above-cited case:

- 1) a Second Preliminary Amendment having 33 pages; and
- 2) an Authorization to Withdraw from Deposit Account the amount of \$84.00, representing the fee for one extra independent claim, with a duplicate copy thereof.

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**AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW FROM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

Sir:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to withdraw the amount of \$84.00, representing the fee for one extra independent claim, from Deposit Account No. 12-1758. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in order to  
place the above-cited application in better condition for examination.  
Please amend the application as follows, without prejudice.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-8, without prejudice.

Please add the following newly-presented claims:

1. A bottling plant for bottling beverages, said bottling plant  
comprising:

a bottle rinsing section configured to rinse bottles;